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OLDEST OF ALL SCHOOLBOOKS

Nippur Tablets at University of Pennsylvania Undoubtedly Have That Claim to Distinction.

Professor Langdon of Oxford, England, who is spending some time at the University of Pennsylvania, has discovered that one group of the famous Nippur tablets stored at the university are in reality the oldest schoolbooks known to exist. They show that the children of the ancients learned much that the boys and girls of today have to study. According to these tablets the children of 5,200 years ago were taught arithmetic, geography, history and grammar just like the children of today. The multiplication tables are remarkably distinct, and in plain numerals show the incontrovertible fact that three times one are three and five times one are five. On one tablet the schoolboy has been given a lesson in phonetic signs corresponding to the shorthand of modern times. The Summerians, the authors of these tablets at the Pennsylvania university, also invented the use of writing syllables and combining them into words, being the first step toward the alphabet.—The Christian Herald.

WHY HE WANTED TO KNOW

Theatergoer Had Reasons for Inquiring as to the Length of Scene That Was Coming.

When "Monte Cristo" was first produced at the Adelphi theater, London, many years ago, it did not appear in the abbreviated form that playgoers have since become used to.

It is said that, as originally shown, it took three nights to give. Naturally, pruning and condensing were very much in order. But even at that, on occasion of which reference is about to be made, the performance was scarcely half over as the bells tolled the hour of midnight. The late George Belmore was playing Caderousse and the audience was in a supersomnolent state when he came in and said:

"Listen! I have a tale to unfold." A bright young chap sitting in front was awakened by the exclamation. Quickly he got to his feet and in a most plaintive voice said:

"Will it be long, sir? For if I miss the last bus to Putney I'll have to stay all night or walk home, sir."

LOOKING AHEAD.

Francis B. Sayre condemned divorce in a New York interview.

"We should select our wives with prudence," said Mr. Sayre, "having a proper regard for the permanent character of marriage. We should look far ahead. We should foresee."

He laughed, and added: "Yes, look ahead, foresee—that's the idea—like the private in the shoeless regiment."

"During the Civil war, you know, there was a regiment called the shoeless because its men had no footgear."

"In this regiment it was customary for every man, after taking careful aim at an enemy, to shout before he fired:

"Them's my shoes."

RAPID WORKER.

"My friend Chamberton turns out four novels a year."

"A literary celebrity, eh?"

"Say, rather, a literary celerity."

THE OLD LADY AGAIN.

Mrs. Kawler—Is it true that your cousin, Mr. Perkins, is married?

Mrs. Blunderby—Yes. Robert has joined the benedictines.

TURNED DOWN.

Playwright—Then you think my play would take too long.

Manager—On the contrary, I'm afraid it wouldn't take at all.

APT DESCRIPTION.

An affinity is generally a woman with blonde hair who has more of the home-breaking instinct than a burglar.

BOUND TO MAKE ENEMIES.

Marriage is indeed a serious problem to the girl who has sixteen dear friends from whom to select eight bridesmaids.

PESSIMISM TRIUMPHS.

When failure comes along and upsets our plans it isn't every man who can save a few chunks of hope for the future.

TO DRIVE NAIL INTO WALL

Something Few Women Seem to Understand, Though There is Nothing Hard About It.

Few women know how to drive a nail into a back wall, and yet it is what they often need to do for themselves, if there is no man about.

The following method is easy and has been found entirely satisfactory: Having decided upon the exact spot into which the nail is desired to be driven, which must be in the plaster between the bricks, provide yourself with a hammer and screwdriver. With these tools commence working out the hard plaster by tapping the handle of the screwdriver. As the plaster turns to dust, it must be blown or dusted out so that the size of the hole may be seen. When a space about one inch long and nearly one inch deep has been worked out, get a small piece of wood about the same size and with the hammer wedge it into the space. When it seems firm, take the nail and drive it into the wood. It will go in nicely, without bending, and remain firm an indefinite length of time. This same method was used at one time when it was decided to hang a hammock between the fence and the wall, with the exception that the hole was dug out a little longer and deeper than for an ordinary nail.

THEFTS IN ITALIAN HOTELS

Keepers Are Working for Bill to Limit Their Liability for Losses Incurred.

Owing to the growing frequency of big thefts of property belonging to foreign tourists while staying at Italian hotels and the consequent grievous burdens incurred by the management, the Italian Hotel Keepers' association has now succeeded in getting a bill presented to parliament limiting their liability to a maximum of \$200 on all losses of precious articles unconsigned to the manager's office.

At present there is no legal limit to the indemnity which restaurant or hotel proprietors may have to pay in cases of guests' belongings being damaged or stolen, either by members of the staff or other persons resident in the hotel.

In fact, where Italian hotel keepers have been unable to prove that the losses were due to causes over which they had no control, or that the robberies were perpetrated by armed force or directly attributable to gross neglect on the part of owners, they have been condemned by the courts to pay as much as \$10,000.

VERMONT'S GOOD WORK.

Isaac T. Goodnow, one of the pioneer educators in the middle west, was born in a Vermont village one hundred years ago. In his early career he was a teacher in the famous Wilbraham academy. In 1855 he traveled to Kansas territory to select a site for a Boston colony of several hundred immigrants, which he fixed and named Manhattan. Three years later he established the Bluemont college, which developed into the well-known Kansas State Agricultural college of the present day. After serving for a time as president of this institution, Dr. Goodnow was elected to the Kansas legislature. Later he served four years as state superintendent of public instruction. He was one of the founders of the Kansas State Teachers' association and held many honorable offices, particularly those of an educational nature. Dr. Goodnow died in Manhattan in his eightieth year.

IRELAND'S BIG POTATO CROP.

Ireland had a bumper crop last year—potatoes. The average was 239 bushels per acre, the highest since 1851, when crop statistics were first recorded. The average for the last ten years is 179 bushels per acre. The crop amounted to 139,602,251 bushels, an increase of 44,552,078 bushels over the 1912 crop, and of about 56,000,000 bushels over the average for the last ten years.

MOTHER HAD ENOUGH.

The Salesman—This is a splendid health food. I can assure you the children will cry for it.

Mrs. Kidmore—Then it won't do in my house. My children cry enough as it is.—Livingston Lane.

SPECIFIC.

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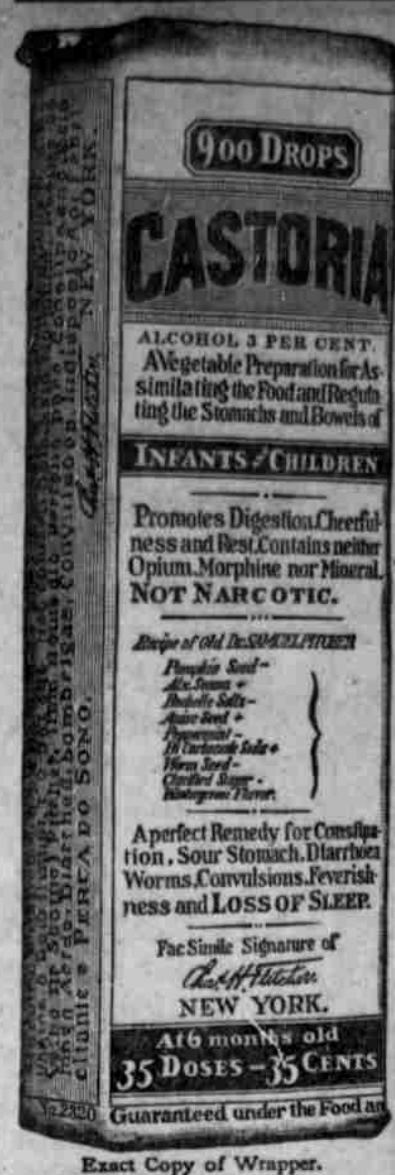
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